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SUBJECT: ASYLEES IN COLOMBIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO

1. SUMMARY: COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR STATES HIS GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE DISPLEASED WITH CHILEAN DELAY IN PERMITTING ASYLEES IN EMBASSY TO DEPART. HE WILL BE RECALLED. END SUMMARY.

2. WHEN I MADE COURTESY CALL ON COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR JUAN FERNANDEZ MAY 16 I FOUND HIM EAGER TO BRIEF ME ON SITUATION REGARDING ASYLEES IN COLOMBIAN EMBASSY HERE.

3. FERNANDEZ INDICATED GREAT AND CONTINUING DISSATISFACTION WITH GOC CONDUCT RE ASYLEES. STATED OVER 70 HAD STREAMED INTO COLOMBIAN EMBASSY AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 1973 COUP, AND THAT NUMBER WAS NOW DOWN TO FIVE BUT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WAS BEHAVING BADLY IN DELAYING SAFE-CONDUCTS FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. AMBASSADOR WAS CLEAR IN HIS OWN MIND THAT CHILEAN EXCUSE GIVEN -- NEED TO COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AS PRELUDE TO POSSIBLE REQUESTS FOR EXTRADITION -- WAS NOT JUSTIFIED UNDER CONVENTIONS ON RIGHT OF ASYLUM.

4. FERNANDEZ SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY SENT HIS WIFE AND HIS SON BACK TO BOGOTA BECAUSE OF LACK OF PRIVACY IN LIVING WITH ASYLEES IN EMBASSY RESIDENCE. HIS GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO GIVE
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EXPRESSION TO ITS DISPLEASURE OVER CHILEAN STALLING IN GRANTING

SAFE-CONDUCTS BY RECALLING HIM TO BOGOTA IN NEAR FUTURE. HE WOULD NOT BE REPLACED IMMEDIATELY. THOUGH HE MIGHT RETURN BRIEFLY FOR PROTOCOLARY PURPOSES, HE INTENDED TO TAKE HIS NEW SEAT IN COLOMBIAN SENATE ON JULY 20.

5. I ASKED HIM WHETHER CHILEANS WERE STILL SEEKING ADMISSION TO COLOMBIAN EMBASSY AS ASYLEES. HE SAID THERE WAS A CONSTANT FLOW, BUT THAT EMBASSY WAS BEING VERY CAREFUL TO EXAMINE IN DEPTH CREDENTIALS OF ALL THOSE APPLYING. IT HAD BEEN THEIR INVARIABLE RULE TO GRANT ASYLUM ONLY TO THOSE WHO COULD PROVE THAT THEIR MOTIVES WERE POLITICAL AND THAT THEY WERE NOT COMMON CRIMINALS. ESSENTIALLY THIS INVOLVED PROOF THAT THEY HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.
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